

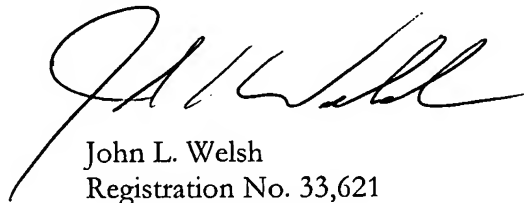
Preliminary Amendment

**REMARKS**  
**Reconsideration And Allowance  
Are Respectfully Requested.**

The claims as originally filed in the international application have been amended to remove any multiple dependencies. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. No claims have been added. No claims have been deleted. No new matter has been added. Entry of the present amendment prior to review of the application is respectfully requested.

If additional information is required, or if the Office has any questions that might expedite prosecution of the above-referenced application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned at (703) 920-1122.

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